

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Maria Salomé SOARES PAIS et al.

Serial No.: **09/980,819**

Filed: December 7, 2001

National Stage of International Application No.
PCT/PT00/00007 under 35 U.S.C. 371, for
**PRODUCTION BY YEASTS OF ASPARTIC
PROTEINASES FROM PLANT ORIGIN WITH
SHEEP'S, COW'S, GOAT'S MILK, ETC.
CLOTTING AND PROTEOLYTIC ACTIVITY**

Group Art Unit: **Not Yet Assigned**

Examiner: **Not Yet Assigned**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO RESPOND TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING REQUIREMENTS**

Sir:

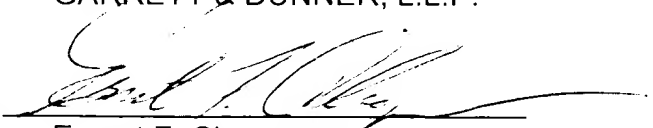
Applicants hereby petition for a two (2) month extension of time to respond to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated January 25, 2002.

A check in the amount of \$200.00 is enclosed. This amount represents the extension fee for filing the Response To Notification of Missing Requirements within two months following the expiration of the due date.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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